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*From the Office of Councilmember Nancy Dacek*

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## **DACEK HAILS NEW TANKER TRUCK TO FIGHT UPCOUNTY FIRES**

Councilmember Nancy Dacek announced today that help is on the way for efforts to strengthen fire protection for families in UpCounty Montgomery County.

"Thanks to all of us working together, we'll soon have an additional water tanker truck to protect homes and lives in the UpCounty," said Councilmember Dacek, who represents the UpCounty and is the lead Councilmember for Fire and Rescue Services.

"This tanker, which will be based in Rockville Station 31, will provide badly-needed water in areas where fire hydrants can be few and far between."

The 3,500-gallon tanker is being paid for by the County Department of Fire and Rescue, the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, and the citizens of Darnestown area, with the County picking up \$175,000 of the total \$240,000 cost.

The tanker will arrive at the end of May.

"I am gratified that this purchase is moving forward so quickly," said Bruce Deppa of Darnestown.

The efforts to acquire an additional tanker stem from a number of recent UpCounty fires that resulted in loss of personal property, as well as a daylong blaze at the Dickerson Compost Facility. In several instances, firefighting was hampered by lack of access to water.

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"The purchase of the tanker makes us all breathe a little easier," said Phyllis Pentecost of Seneca.

Two other new tankers that are being purchased by local fire departments are scheduled to be introduced over the next year and will be based in Hyattstown and Sandy Spring.

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